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FOR DEITCHMAN, DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS ANALYSIS AND GAO LIAISON
(BF-GAO), FROM STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK OFFICE, USGAO,
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SUBJ: SURVEY OF CONSULATE FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATION, AND STAFFING AND
SURVEY OF SECURITY FOR DIPLOMATS PROVIDED BY U.S. AND HOST GOVS.

WILL LUDWICK, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ID/WASHINGTON IS
CURRENTLY VISITING GAO/ BANGKOK TO REVIEW SUBJECT ASSIGNMENTS.
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION DESCRIBES WORK HE HAS REQUESTED
AND GAO/BANGKOK HAS AGRRED TO PERFORM.

GAO IS INITIATING A REVIEW OF CONSTITUENT POSTS AND CONSU-
LAR FUNCTIONS IN AUSTRALIA AND THAILAND. WE ANTICIPATE
BEGINNING OUR REVIEW IN THAILAND ON OR ABOUT JUNE 14, 1976,
AND IN AUSTRALIA ON OR ABOUT JULY 12, 1976.

THE REVIEW IN AUSTRALIA WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE EMBASSY
AND SELECTED CONSTITUENT POSTS. PRIMARY EMPHASIS WILL BE
PLACED ON (1) THE CRITERIA USED TO JUSTIFY THE NEED FOR AND
LOCATION OF CONSTITUENT POSTS, (2) THE EFFECTIVENESS AND
EFFICIENCY WITH WHICH CONSULAR ACTIVITIES ARE PERFORMED
AND MANAGED, AND (3) THE ABILITY OF FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS
TO ASSIST AND PROTECT AMERICANS OVERSEAS.

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WITH RESPECT TO THAILAND, TH WORK WILL BE LIMITED TO THE LATTER TWO POINTS OF EMPHASIS AND WORK WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE EMBASSY IN BANGKOK.

GAO IS PERFORMING A SURVEY OF SECURITY PROVIDED TO U.S. DIPLOMATS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND FAMILIES OVERSEAS BY BOTH U.S. AND HOST GOVERNMENTS. THE SURVEY HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN KUALA LUMPUR, JAKARTA, AND SINGAPORE AND BEGINNING JUNE 1, 1976, WE WILL BEGIN WORK IN DACCA. WE NEED TO EXPAND THE SURVEY TO INCLUDE ANOTHER COUNTRY IN THE NEAR EAST REGION TO OBTAIN BROADER COVERAGE OF SECURITY OPERATIONS AND PLAN TO INCLUDE THE EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY IS TO OBTAIN GENERAL INFORMATION SUCH AS THE LEVEL OF PROTECTION FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS PROVIDE THE U.S. OFFICIAL COMMUNITY, THE PRACTICAL EFFECT THAT RATIFICATION OF THE UN'S CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS WILL HAVE ON ALLEVIATING PRESENT OR POTENTIAL SECURITY PROBLEMS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, AND THE TYPE AMOUNT, AND COST OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SUPPLEMENT HOST GOVERNMENT PROTECTION.

GAO WILL HAVE A TEAM IN ISLAMABAD ON JUNE 1 ON ANOTHER REVIEW--POPULATION--AND WE PLAN TO HAVE ONE MAN OF THAT TEAM OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE. THE WORK SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 1 WEEK.

ADVISE EMBASSIES IN CANBERRA AND BANGKOK OF GAO PLANS TO INCLUDE THEM IN CONSULATE ASSIGNMENT AND EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD PLANS TO INCLUDE IT IN SURVEY OF PROTECTION TO U.S. DIPLOMATS.

AFTER YOU HAVE NOTIFIED THE EMBASSIES WE WILL ADVISE THEM OF THE NAMES OF PERSONNEL AND SECURITY CLEARANCES PERFORMING THE WORK.
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